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Λυσιθε]ίδο[v ἄρχοντος κτλ.]. This gives an interval of seven years between Hieron and Lysitheides, which is the extreme limit allowed by the prosopographical evidence. Lysitheides should therefore be dated in 265/4.

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NOTE ON ILIAD xvi. 823-28

ώς δ' ὅτε σῦν ἀκάμαντα λέων ἐβιήσατο χάρμη, ὅ τ' ὅρεος κορυφησι μέγα φρονέοντε μάχεσθον πίδακος ἀμφ' ὀλίγης· ἐθέλουσι δὲ πιέμεν ἄμφω. πολλὰ δέ τ' ἀσθμαίνοντα λέων ἐδάμασσε βίηφιν· ὅς πολέας πεφνόντα Μενοιτίου ἄλκιμον υἱὸν Ἐκτωρ Πριαμίδης σχεδὸν ἔγχεϊ θυμὸν ἀπηύρα,

Lines 826–27 are rendered by Lang, Leaf, and Myer "and the lion hath by force overcome the boar that draweth difficult breath; so after that he had slain many did Hector," etc. This is the usual interpretation. Leaf, e.g., approves Paley, who makes πολέας πεφνόντα answer to ἀκάμαντα in 823, and this seems to be in substance the interpretation of Ameis-Hentze and of Düntzer. This is one of many illustrations that might be given of the failure even yet to appreciate the true nature of the Homeric simile. Though Homer expatiates on the irrelevant details, he is seriously concerned for the logic of his similes, which he usually emphasizes by the repetition of the keyword or of its equivalent synonym. When the logic is strained and the comparison far-fetched, the reiterated word helps it out and quiets the poet's conscience. Such is the case in Iliad xiii. 200–201, ὑψοῦ. . . . ὑψοῦ, and such is the case here with πολλά and πολέας: "as the lion subdues the boar despite his much panting resistance, so after his much slaughter Hector slays Patroclus."

Two things have misled modern commentators: (1) they have not felt the Homeric logic that is satisfied by the parallelism of πολλά and πολέας; (2) the ambiguity of ἀσθμαίνοντα, which, though properly "panting" or "breathing hard," may at any time take on the suggestion of resisting or struggling, making an effort, as it does in Aeschylus' Eumenides 651, οὐδὲν ἀσθμαίνων μένει, where Wecklein's "keineswegs infolge von Zornmut schnaubend" is not to be taken seriously. The double meaning is still plainer in the use of ἀσπαίρω Iliad xii. 204 and perhaps Odyssey xix. 228.

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CICERO DE DIVINATIONE i. 80

"Equidem etiam in te saepe vidi et, ut ad leviora veniamus, in Aesopo, familiari tuo, tantum ardorem vultuum atque motuum ut eum vis quaedam abstraxisse a sensu mentis videretur."